

# The State of New Hampshire **Department of Environmental Services**

# Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

January 7, 2019

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Re: Confirmation of Complete Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification (RSA 482-A)

**NHDES File Number: 2020-0XXXX** 

Subject Property: 100 SOUTH STREET, BEDFORD, Tax Map #01, Lot #001

Dear Mr. Public:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau received your Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification (SPN) and supporting documentation (Forestry SPN) on January 2, 2020 in reference to the above project location. NHDES has reviewed your Forestry SPN in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, XIV.

## YOUR FORESTRY SPN IS SUFFICIENT TO START WORK, PROVIDED:

- 1. Roadway construction through forested wetlands for the purpose of conducting forest management activities, is limited to:
  - a. Roads are cleared only by felling timber in the roadway;
  - b. The road base is constructed using no fill other than:
    - i. Snow pushed onto and frozen over the road base; or
    - ii. Stumps inverted in places where support of the road base is necessary;
- Installation of a permanent crossing, such as a culvert or stone ford, and associated fill, to permit vehicular access to a parcel for forest management, is limited to:
  - a. Access is not used for subdivision, development, or other land conversion to non-forestry uses, except that forestry uses may be combined with normal agricultural operations or trail construction or maintenance, or both;
  - b. Roadway width, exclusive of side slopes, at the crossing does not exceed 20 feet;
  - c. Roadway width, measured at the toe of the roadway side slopes, is minimized and does not exceed 50 feet;
  - d. Fill for any single wetland crossing does not exceed 50 feet in length, measured along the proposed access way;
  - e. Wetland crossings are limited to those that:
    - i. Do not impact any bogs, vernal pools, marshes, sand dunes, tidal wetlands, or undisturbed tidal buffer zone;
    - ii. Are not located in a prime wetlands or duly-established 100-foot buffer unless a prime wetlands waiver has been obtained in accordance with Env-Wt 700;
    - iii. Only cross a swamp or wet meadow if such swamp or wet meadow has no standing water for 10 months per year or more; and
    - iv. Are not located in a protected species habitat unless authorized under Env-Wt 407; and
  - f. The scoured stream width is no wider than 8 feet

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- 3. Construction of a temporary crossing of a non-tidal watercourse of any width for the transportation of forest products, is limited to a temporary crossing that:
  - a. Is not in or adjacent to prime wetlands or a duly-established 100-foot buffer unless a prime wetlands waiver has been obtained in accordance with Env-Wt 700;
  - b. Is not located in a protected species habitat unless authorized under Env-Wt 407;
  - c. Is not used for access to property that has been converted to non-forestry uses, except that forestry uses may be combined with normal agricultural operations or trail construction or maintenance or both;
  - d. Incorporates not more than one pier or post per 15 feet of span;
  - e. Incorporates one or more abutments in the bank(s) if necessary; and
  - f. If other than corduroy, is removed within 2 years of the date the SPN, PBN, or EXP is issued by the department, provided that if weather conditions preclude the removal of the crossing when the work is completed, the crossing may remain in place until weather conditions allow its removal; and
- 4. Repair of an existing forestry road crossing that Is limited to:
  - a. Crosses a watercourse for which the scoured channel is 8 feet wide or narrower;
  - b. Is not in a prime wetlands or a duly-established 100-foot buffer unless a prime wetlands waiver has been obtained in accordance with Env-Wt 700;
  - c. Is not in a protected species habitat unless authorized under Env-Wt 407;
  - d. Is not used for access to property that has been converted to non-forestry uses, except that forestry uses may be combined with normal agricultural operations or trail construction or maintenance or both; and
  - e. The structure disturbs less than 3,000 SF.
- 5. You follow the *Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire* published and revised in 2016 by the NH Department of Resources & Economic Development. To view the manual, log on to: <a href="https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000247">https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000247</a> Rep266.pdf; and
- 6. The Confirmation of Complete Forestry SPN form (printed on Tyvek paper) must be posted in a secure manner, in a prominent place, at the site of the approved project. The Confirmation form will be sent to the forester or logger, if one is identified in your Forestry SPN.

### This Notification is valid through January 7, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at Ryan A. Duquette.

Sincerely,

Ryan A. Duquette

Wetlands Environmental Technician

Wetlands Bureau

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cc: Bedford Municipal Clerk/Conservation Commission

Property Owner Forester w/Tyvek

ec: District Forest Ranger